

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application as amended. In response to the Office Action mailed 5/6/04, Applicant is filing this amendment. Amended claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-11, 13-17, 20, 21 and 23-25 are pending.

In the Office Action mailed 5/6/04, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 12 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yanagisawa et al. (U.S. Patent 6,147,915). Applicant submits that Yanagisawa et al. (Yanagisawa) fails to disclose the elements of the independent claims, as amended. Yanagisawa discloses a pair of transistors 50, 51 and inverters 41, 42, but fails to disclose the particular coupling of the transistors and signals as now recited in the amended claims. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the amended claims distinguish over Yanagisawa and requests the Examiner to withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection.

The Examiner has also rejected all of the claims based on double patenting. As to the rejection of double patenting of the “same invention” type, based upon 35 U.S.C. §101, Applicant submits that the amended claims now sufficiently claim embodiments of the invention that are distinguishable from U.S. Patent 6,674,671. As to the rejection based on a judicially created doctrine of double patenting, Applicant submits that the amended claims are distinguishable from the claims of the 6,674,671 patent to not warrant such a rejection. However, if the Examiner insists on the rejection based on the judicially created doctrine of double patenting, Applicant will submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw all rejections and allow amended claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-11, 13-17, 20, 21 and 23-25.

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